



# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## happenings

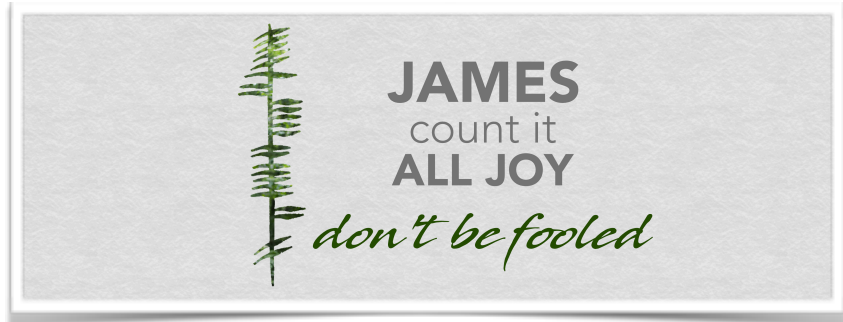
**Men's Breakfast:** Get to know some other men in our Grace Kona family! **June 13th, 8am-9:30.** BYOB. Bring Your Own Breakfast.

**Business Meeting:** Following the service on **June 21**, we will have our quarterly business meeting. If you are a voting member, please join us for this brief meeting.

**Birthday Celebration:** Grace turns 30 years old this month! Please join us after the Business Meeting on **June 21** to celebrate three decades of Grace.

**LIVE streaming;** Our live streaming option, available on our website, will still be available for those who prefer to stay home.

**Grace Kids:** Auntie Michelle will be continuing lessons on the fruit of the Spirit this week at: <https://gracekona.org/fruitofthespirit>.



## SERMON NOTES

**Andrew Severinsen – James 1:1-12**

**Big Idea:** Christians should respond to trials by rejoicing at the spiritual maturity trials can produce in our lives.

- *Trials in the Christian life*
- *Wisdom in the trials*
- *Riches and Poverty - trials as a leveling ground?*
- *When trails become temptations*

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## GRACE GROUP discussion questions

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**Spend some time catching up and talking story. Read James 1.**

### **James 1:1-12 — What is James' encouragement to us?**

1. What trials would James have been thinking about?
2. Why does James encourage joy in trials?
3. Why does James talk about asking for wisdom after talking about trials?
4. Why might the original readers have lacked wisdom?
5. What is God's responsibility in the process of us gaining wisdom? What is our responsibility?
6. What was happening between the wealthy and poor when this letter was written? Would the audience of this letter have identified more with being poor or wealthy?
7. Why does James use the analogy of a flower in the field? Where else is this type of imagery used in scripture?

### **James 1:1-12 — How does it apply to our lives today?**

1. When have you had trials produce endurance in your life? Who comes to mind when you think of someone with mature faith? What traits do they possess?
2. What would it look like to consider our current situation with sincere joy?
3. How is your faith being tested right now?
4. When have you needed wisdom?
5. What difference has being single-minded made in your life and in your faith?
6. What would it look like to go from double-mindedness to steady faith? What does humility look like?
7. What kinds of things do you pursue in life? How does the idea that our pursuits will wither, like flowers in the sun, impact you?

**Spend some time praying for each other.**